

Sacramento County  
Department of Health Services  
HIV Health Services Planning Council  
Affected Communities Committee

**Meeting Minutes**

August 7, 2023, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Meeting Location:** 4600 Broadway, Sacramento CA 95820 Conference/Community Room 2020

**Facilitator:** Zach Basler – ACC Chair

**Council Staff:** Angelina Olweny

**Meeting Attendees:** Christopher-Kendrick-Stafford, Kane Ortega Richard Benavidez, Steve Austin, Zach Basler

**Members Absent:**

**Excused:** Dennis Poupart, Kelly Gluckman, Shy Brown

**County Staff:** Danielle Caravella

**Guests:** Troy Stermer, Tracy Thomas



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Service Concerns	<p>The ACC committee chair reached out to One Community Health (OCH) following the June meeting to discuss challenges consumers and case managers were experiencing in getting their calls returned. OCH explained that they had a staffing shortage and a tech issue that forwarded messages to a voicemail that was not checked regularly. The staff position has since been filled and they are addressing the tech issue.</p> <p>Richard Benavidez stated that the time from when a consumer gets a specialty referral to get an appointment is long. This is of concern because some consumers require critical care for some conditions and cannot afford to wait. Additionally, there is a long waitlist for mental health services. Mental support groups help consumers as they wait to get mental health appointments.</p> <p>Housing remains one of the top consumer needs. Richard Benavidez stated that Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding provides rental assistance. The Ryan White Program part A provides housing assistance for convalescents.</p>
Reflectiveness Update	<p>Reflectiveness is at 38.5%. The Council has an open seat for Native American consumer. There is a candidate who will fill the prevention or provider seat. There is also an open position for a non-affected community leader advocate.</p>
CY23 Training Calendar	<p>Richard Benavidez stated Jax Kelly, Pacific AIDS Education Training Center (PAETC), will give a presentation to the Planning Council on HIV and Aging in August.</p> <p>Suggestions for future training sessions include having someone from the County's Homeless and Housing Program. Another suggestion was a presentation to the Council on the challenges of enrolling in Medicare in the first part of next year. The Council could be informed or guided through the Medicare process.</p>

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CY23 Outreach Website Visits	<p>Website visits.            There were 138 views in a 7-year period            There were 39 unique visits with 5-9-page views per visit.</p>
Community Presentation Discussion	<p>Richard Benavidez stated the HIV Health Services Planning Council usually has a table at the Recovery Happens Event. This year's event is on September 6. The tabling is from 9:00AM – 12:00PM.            There is an HIV Community Conversation on September 20 at the Sacramento LGBT Center. During the HIV Community Conversation in July, Gustavo Trejo stated that PrEP can be given to youth ages 12 and up without parental consent.</p>
FY23 Summer Positive Advocate*	<p>The FY23 Summer Positive Advocate was presented for review and approval. Richard noted that it is important to highlight awareness days. Richard Benavidez motioned to accept the FY23 Summer Positive Advocate as presented with a second from Kane Ortega. The motion passed with a majority.</p> <p>Approve: Christopher Kendrick-Stafford, Kane Ortega, Richard Benavidez, Steve Austin, Zach Basler            Oppose: N/A            Abstain: N/A</p>
Website Conversation	<p>Committee members voted to extend the meeting by 15 minutes so that Zach Basler could give a presentation and answer questions regarding improving the HHSPC website. Richard Benavidez motioned to accept the meeting extension with a second from Kane Ortega. The motion passed with a majority.</p> <p>Approve: Christopher Kendrick-Stafford, Kane Ortega, Richard Benavidez, Steve Austin, Zach Basler            Oppose: N/A            Abstain: N/A</p>

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Website Conversation	Zach Basler’s presentation on the website highlighted that the current HHSPC website had limited functionality and interactivity. He stated that the suggested changes to the website would have improved usability, a responsive layout for optimal viewing on various mobile devices, integration with social media platforms, interactive resources and tools, and faster load times for improved accessibility.
Public Comment-Non-Agenda Items	N/A
Technical Assistance	For technical questions reach out to Richard Benavidez.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.